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1. The reorganization of the Polish Army is continuing in spite of Stalin's death, and there is nothing to indicate that it will be discontinued. However, in order to make it more difficult for people to become cognizant of this reorganization and to associate the newly created units with larger military groups, the government has activated several identical units at the same time and stationed them at several different places in Poland. Many of these newly created units are merely cadre units (jednostka kadrowa), although they sometimes return to their garrisons as a regiment or battalion after a maneuver or a long sojourn in a military camp.¹

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2. [redacted] probably none of the newly activated units have been organized as originally planned. [redacted]
[redacted] two reasons for this situation:

- a. The USSR has not delivered the necessary weapons to the units as it agreed. [redacted] following cases:

- (1) The tank regiment at Braniewo (Braunsberg), which was activated in the beginning of 1951, does not have the necessary tanks, and those which it does possess are wartime tanks which the Soviet regiments left in Poland when they withdrew to the USSR after the war. These tanks, which the regiment first received during the latter part of 1952, are rapidly deteriorating.²
- (2) The artillery regiment at Wrzeszcz is still not totally motorized. However, all of the horses have been withdrawn from this regiment.
- (3) The newly created artillery regiment at Wejherowo only has a few guns and is awaiting the delivery of more.

- b. Some military equipment parts which are produced in Poland do not meet the Soviet specifications and are thus rejected by the inspectors since

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25X1 the parts cannot be utilized. This military equipment consists mainly of tank treads and turrets produced in Silesia. [REDACTED]
the defective military equipment is the result of organized production sabotage.

- 25X1 3. The Polish Army will have independent (samodzielny) corps: infantry corps, armored corps and air force corps. There are some indications that one of each of the aforementioned independent corps will be stationed along the coast from the Polish-Russian frontier to Slupsk (Stolp). [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] the headquarters of one of these independent motorized infantry
25X1 corps is located in Bydgoszcz on Ulica Pomorska. [REDACTED]

4. Very intensive training has been taking place in the regiments prior to their departure for military camps. Some parts of the regiments have already departed for these camps. There are about 20 various regiments located in the province of Olsztyn (Allenstein), and some of the areas in the province are strictly military since the civilian population has been evacuated.

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment: The cadre units are composed of some commissioned and non-commissioned officers, but do not have any soldiers or troops.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] the tank regiment at Braniewo
25X1 was previously stationed in western Poland. It was moved to Braniewo in May
25X1 and June 1951. [REDACTED] the unit was equipped with T-34 tanks and also some JS tanks.

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